

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete Second Response to the Final Office Action dated May 13, 2005, and an Advisory Action dated October 17, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one-month set to expire on November 13, 2005. Because Applicants' first reply was filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action was NOT mailed until after the end of the three months, the extension fee shall be calculated from the mailing of the Advisory Action, which is October 17, 2005. Therefore, Applicants believe only a one month extension of time is necessary to make the filing of this Second Response timely.

Claims 1-5, 8-12, 14-18, 56-61, 63-68, 70-72, 74, and 76-82 remain pending in the application after entry of this response. Claims 13, 19-21, 69, 73, and 75 have been cancelled, and claims 78-82 have been added. Claims 56-64, 66-68, 70, and 71 are allowed, and claims 2, 9-11, 13-18, 65, 75, and 77 are objected to. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested for reasons presented herein.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 13. Therefore, Applicant believes claim 1 and claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Claim 72 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 75. Therefore, Applicant believes claim 72 and claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 9, 14, 17, and 18 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 78-82, respectively. Therefore, Applicants believe claims 78-82 are in condition for allowance.

All claims being allowable, Applicants reserve discussion of the references as the discussion is not necessary.

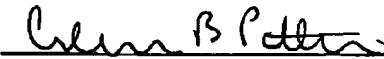
Applicants have cancelled claims 13, 19-21, 69, 73, and 75 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The cancellation of these claims

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is not an admission of non-patentability. Applicants have simply cancelled those claims to reduce issues for appeal and/or to place the application in condition for allowance.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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